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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Re: *In re Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90; *In re Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2017, Ken Pfister, Vice President of Strategic Policy, Great Plains Communications; Rodney Thiemann (via phone), Senior Director of Regulatory Finances, Great Plains Communications; Jeffrey Reynolds (via phone), Reynolds Schultheis Consulting, Inc.; and the undersigned, outside counsel to Great Plains Communications, met with Pamela Arluk, Victoria Goldberg, Marvin Sachs, and Douglas Slotten of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Pricing Policy Division to discuss the unique circumstances and public interest benefits that justify granting Great Plains' Petition for Waiver.<sup>1</sup>

In the meeting, Great Plains reiterated arguments made in previous filings that granting the waiver supports the Commission's goals in its intercarrier compensation, rural call completion, and business data services proceedings.<sup>2</sup> Great Plains also explained that, absent a waiver, long distance rates for consumers and businesses in Nebraska may increase.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Petition of Great Plains Communications for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.909(a)(4)(ii)(A) and 47 C.F.R. § 51.919(b), WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92 (June 21, 2017) ("Petition"); Clarification of Great Plains Communications Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 51.909(a)(4) and 47 C.F.R. § 51.917, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92 (Jul. 27, 2017) ("Clarification").

<sup>2</sup> See Petition at 4-6; Clarification at 7-9; Reply Comments of Great Plains Communications, WC Docket No. 10-90, CC Docket No. 01-92, at 2-5 (Aug. 15, 2017) ("Reply Comments").

<sup>3</sup> See Clarification at 8-9.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Rebekah P. Goodheart*

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